(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation including cess, assistance from World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB)
2005-06	4220.00
2006-07	5475.62

Requirement of rice under Annapurna Scheme in Kerala

2557. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries approved under Annapurna Scheme in Kerala;

(b) the quantity of rice required per month under the Scheme;

(c) the amount of rice presently allotted to the State under the Scheme;

(d) whether there is a shortage in the allocation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the steps taken to supply rice on the basis of physical target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Annapurna Scheme was launched from 1.4.2000 to provide food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who though eligible remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). Under the Annapurna Scheme, 10 Kg of foodgrains per month are being provided 'free of cost' to the beneficiary. At the time of launch of the scheme a numerical ceiling was fixed for the States/UTs. The numerical ceiling for the State of Kerala was then fixed at 44980 which meant a requirement of 450 MTs of foodgrains per month. From 2002-03, the Scheme was transferred to the State Plan and as per the new guidelines the State has been given flexibility to implement the three schemes of National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and Annapurna by deciding the inter scheme allocations as per the priority accorded by the State. Hence the Central Government releases combined allocation for the three schemes.

(c) The amount of rice presently allotted to the State under the Scheme as informed by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution is 3715.6 MTs (monthly allocation of 309 MTs).

(d) and (e) Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala has requested the Minister for Rural Development to allot 450 MTs of foodgrains per month as per the allotment approved by the Government of India at the time of launching of the scheme to the State of Kerala. The request of the Minister of the State of Kerala has been forwarded to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution for consideration.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has provided the details of the allocation made to the State of Kerala and foodgrains lifted by them during 2001-02 to 2005-06 as under:—

Year	Allocation	Offtake
2001-02	4510	3520
2002-03	-	4890
2003-04	3720	3720
2004-05	3720	2720
2005-06	3720	3780

They have further stated that the Govt. of Kerala has informed that in the beginning of the year 2003-04 there was a stock of 1682 MTs of rice with them and therefore, the allotment of 2003-04 was worked out as 3715.6 MTs (5397.6-1682) taking into account the unutilized stock of 1682 MTs. The same allocation continued during 2004-05 & 2005-06. They have further stated that on the basis of annual allocation of 3715.6 MTs (monthly allocation of 309 MTs) allotted to the Govt. of Kerala during 2006-07, the State has lifted only 2750 MT upto January 2007 and at this rate they will be able to lift only 3300 MT of rice and therefore the allocation of 3716 MT or 309 MT per month is sufficient for 2006-07.

They have further informed that the proposal of restoration of 450 MTs per month was considered by them and it has been decided to retain the allocation of 309.63 MTs of rice per month for 2006-07. They have further informed that in case of Februrary-March, 2007, the offtake is towards the

higher side, the State Government of Kerala can ask them for revision in 2007-08. They have further informed that this decision has been duly conveyed to the Government of Kerala.

Funds to Orissa under Indira Awaas Yojana

†2558. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by the Central Government to Orissa during the past years under Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) whether Government are considering to provide an additional package for construction of more houses in the backward districts of that State; and

(c) if so, the funds likely to be provided and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The funds released by the Central Government to Orissa under Indira Awaas Yojana during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, are given below:

Year	Funds Released (Rs. in lakh)
2004-05	13954.77
2005-06	15047.71
2006-07	14929.47 (As on 20.3.2007)

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Report on India Water Supply and Sanitation

2559. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank, in its report, 'India Water Supply and Sanitation: Bridging the gap between infrastructure and Service', has suggested for recovery of operation and maintenance as well as capital costs of water projects;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.